Taking into account the interest of tenants as well as landlords, proposals for comprehensive amendment of the Act are under consideration.

Funds to Orissa for N.R.E.P. and I.R.D.P

1212. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allotted to Orissa for the National Rural Employment Programme and Integrated Rural Development Programme during 1986-87;

(b) the total amounts spent by the Central and State Government so far; and

(c) the number of schemes drawn up and proposed to be implemented under these programmes and their employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Allocations made to Orissa under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) during the year 1986-87 are as under:

N.R.E.P.	*(Rs. in lakhs)*
Total allocation (Central+State share) (including the cost of foodgrains)	2763.67
I.R.D.P	
Total allocation (Central+State share)	2972.04

(b) Expenditure reported so far during the year under these programmes in the State is is under:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
N.R.E.P.	1806.46 (upto Jan. 1987)
I.R.D.P.	878.86 (upto Nov. 1986)

(c) Annual Action Plans consisting of works to be taken up under NREP are prepared and approved by the District Rural Development Agencies. Information in regard to the number of schemes drawn up during the year 1986-87 is, therefore, not available at the Central level. A target of 150 lakh mandays of employment generation was determined for the State for the year 1986-87 under NREP. The employment generation as reported till January, 1987 comes to 139.81 lakh mandays.

Under the IRDP, beneficiaries take up self employment schemes with the help of assets procured with bank loan and Government subsidy. Upto November, 1986 total number of 96,593 families are reported to have been assisted under this programme.

Implementation of the 15-Point Programme

1213. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of State Nodal Officers and State Minorities Commissions was held in Delhi on 17th and 18th June, 1986 to review the implementation of 15 Point Programme of the Prime Minister for the Welfare of minorities in the country;

(b) what were its major recommendations and resolutions passed in the Conference and the agencies identified for their implementation;

(c) whether State Governments have complied with the directions of the Central Government and submitted any reports;

(d) if not, the reasons for their noncompliance and what action is being contemplated;

(e) whether all the State Governments have constituted 'High Powered 15 Point Programme Implementation Committees' and separate 'State Level Grievances Removal Committees' and whether such committees meet regularly; and

(f) if not, which are the States which do not have such committees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Conclusions of the Conference and agencies identified for their implementation are given in the statement attached. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 51].

(c) and (d) The minutes of the Conference were sent to the concerned State Governments and U.T. Adminisrations for taking ncessary action. Action on the recommendations are followed up with the concerned authorities on a continuous ba-

(e) and (f) The conclusions did not contain any recommendation for constitution of any 'High Powered 15-Point Programme Implementation Committees' by State Governments. However, Quarterly review meetings at Chief Minister's level and also setting up of Minorities Grievances Committee were recommended and some State Governments have initiated the process and others have been reminded to do so.

Rise in price of escsential commodities

1214. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study conducted by the World Bank prices of essential commodities are registering a sharp rise; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if so the steps Government propose to take to check the rise in prices of essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) Government is not aware of any specific study conducted by the World Bank on the prices of essential commodities. However, during the last three months ending 14-2-87, prices of some commodities have increased, some have decreased and some have remained steady.

(b) The main thrust of Government policy is to increase the production of various essential commodities, particularly those which are in short supply. Several essential commodities like edible oils, pulses, kerosene, etc. are imported to augment domestic availability. Export of several essential commodities is either banned or regulated. The Public Distribution System through which essential commodities like foodgrains, sugar, edible oils, etc. are distributed at reasonable prices to the common people, is being strengthened and expanded. Foodgrains at cheaper rates are distributed in tribal areas and under special schemes like National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. State Governments/UTs. have been requested from time to time to keep a continuous vigil on the prices and availability of essential commodities and to take strict action against those who indulge in malpractices by enforcing the various provisions of Essential Commodities Act and similar legislations.

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1215. **डा. गोविन्द दास रिछारिया** : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजघाट बांध के संबंध में बेतवा नदी बोर्ड की कार्यकारी समिति द्वारा गठित "विशेष समिति" द्वारा मैसर्स एन.पी.सी.सी. से विचार-विमर्श किये जाने के पश्चात् कार्य को समय पर पूरा करने के लिए कोई संशोधित कार्यक्रम बनाया गया है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है तथा एन.पी.सी.सी. को और कितना समय दिये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और संशोधित कार्यक्रम के अनुसार इस काम के कब तक शुरू होने की संभावना है ; और